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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM: R. W. Manners  
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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REFERENCE: Your Memo for the Record, dtd 25 Feb 88, Same Subject

1. When we negotiated my FY 88 milestone for preparing a letter from the DCI to the Secretary of Education concerning sponsorship of a university language program, it was with the understanding that the Department of Education would spearhead legislation toward that end supported by Senator Paul Simon. The Intelligence Community's inter-agency Foreign Language Committee, which had expressed interest in pursuing Senator Simon's idea for a "National Language and International Studies Foundation," had turned the proposal over to the Department of Education for legislative action. The DCI's letter was intended to underscore the Agency's position supporting national efforts to address the foreign language problem in our government. Subsequent to your memo, we discovered that the academic community was opposed to government sponsorship, which carried the implication of control, and the proposed legislation was dropped.


2. In pursuing other possible avenues of support for such a program, we contacted the office of Senator Bill Bradley, who had indicated at one time interest in foreign language study. According to his staff, however, he has supported no specific legislation in this area nor is he currently working on any proposals. We also investigated the existing U.S. Government award programs relating to the study of foreign languages here and abroad and concluded that they are not suited to our needs. While the sponsorship of foreign language programs is of considerable interest to the entire Intelligence Community, there appears to be no current plans within the Community or elsewhere in the government to sponsor legislation or recommend new programs to encourage students to learn foreign languages.

3. In view of the apparent lack of enthusiasm for a university foreign language program, we believe the only way that we are going to meet the goal of providing the essential language skills needed by the Directorate is by placing more emphasis on recruiting qualified language students through special programs for funding academic study, and attracting and retaining linguists through an equitable grade and

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compensation structure. You are already aware of our efforts in these areas. Providing more funds for external training as well as putting additional funds into OTE/LTD would improve the internal training situation. More immersion and overseas training opportunities, as well as additional part-time training, would also contribute to improving the reading and understanding levels of our officers.

4. FBIS will continue working through the inter-agency Foreign Language Committee to address the critical foreign language skills problem, which is not unique to the Agency. There have been further calls within the committee for legislation to fund academic institutions for language training, but the pending administration change has put these plans on hold.



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